



# Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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## Agricultural Summary

Cooler weather prevailed last week. Most counties received ample rainfall last weekend. The days suitable for fieldwork were 6.5 days. Hay supplies continue to be tight in several parts of the state. The fall harvest continues to be the major activity around the state. Livestock continue to do well.

## Field Crops Summary

Beaver County reports that they have received 6 loads of free hay from Rich and Cache counties with another 12 loads promised from other counties around the state. The hay supply received from Rich and Cache counties is in response to the farmers hit the hardest from the Milford Flat Fire. Washington County is also reporting that hay is very expensive and hard to come by. Box Elder and Cache counties report that farmers continued to harvest grain corn, hay, and onions. Farmers have also begun planting fall grain with some of it on the irrigated land emerging from the soil. Farmers in Box Elder County are reporting excellent yields on all crops. The hay harvest continues, but the cooler temperatures makes drying the hay even more difficult. Weber County had lots of rain on Saturday, which should help the fall grain get a good start.

## Livestock Summary

Emery County reports that the rainfall received over the past couple of weeks has put some water in the ponds on the desert ranges, which will help with winter feeding and watering issues. Box Elder reports that cattle producers are bringing herds off the summer ranges and are starting to sort and wean calves. Some may sell calves earlier but many sold on contract have shipping dates already established. It may be necessary to cull cows heavier than normal to preserve fall and winter feed. Sheep producers are sorting lambs and shipping to market or feedlots. The sheep look good even though the summer was hot and dry. Garfield, Kane and Iron counties report rangeland has responded well to the rain received last week. Iron County reports that lambs did well this year, and most lambs have been shipped to market.

### Crop Progress for Week Ending September 30, 2007

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Onions Harvested	85	83	60	70
Winter Wheat Planted	57	29	47	61
Winter Wheat Emerged	20	7	24	26
Corn Dent Stage	94	83	95	90
Corn Mature	83	58	72	60
Corn Grain Harvested	22	12	14	6
Corn Silage Harvested	80	59	75	70
Alfalfa Fourth Cutting	67	48	56	53
Apple Harvested	56	42	66	52
Peach Harvested	90	87	99	98
Pears Harvested	85	79	99	97

### Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending September 30, 2007

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Range & Pasture	19	33	39	9	0
Corn	0	1	23	53	23

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending September 30, 2007

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Topsoil	19	32	49	0
Subsoil	20	42	38	0
Irrigation water supplies	32	35	33	0
Stock water supplies	20	33	47	0